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# Crop Progress & Condition Report



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Week ending September 12, 2010

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 12, 2010**. Showers across the state briefly halted work last week, but farmers were soon able to return to their fields. This year’s harvest began exceptionally early, with most harvestings well in advance of where they have been in previous years. Soil moisture was rated 16 percent very short, 38 percent short, 45 adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending September 12, 2010

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, mature	100	100	99	99
Corn, harvested	96	92	74	78
Corn Silage, harvested	100	99	100	98
Cotton, open bolls	92	86	61	74
Cotton, harvested	19	9	0	5
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	91	87	91	91
Peanuts, harvested	8	5	0	5
Rice, headed	100	100	100	100
Rice, mature	98	96	79	83
Rice, harvested	67	50	25	32
Sorghum, coloring	100	100	100	100
Sorghum, mature	100	99	97	96
Sorghum, harvested	87	75	39	71
Soybeans, setting pods	100	100	100	100
Soybeans, turning color	90	86	69	85
Soybeans, dropping leaves	75	72	48	69
Soybeans, harvested	50	39	24	43
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	25	9	19	21

Crop condition for week ending September 12, 2010

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	6	13	27	43	11
Cotton	4	10	28	46	12
Hay	2	12	27	45	14
Livestock	0	5	36	48	11
Pasture	5	24	38	29	4
Peanuts	0	0	39	61	0
Rice	1	4	19	47	29
Sorghum	0	2	22	74	2
Soybeans	7	14	29	38	12
Sweet Potatoes	0	8	40	42	10

## Comments

“Last week's rains slowed much of the field work in some places. Many farmers have finished harvesting their rice and are preparing for late soybean harvest. Yields have been varying widely and there are some issues with downed rice.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“A lot of cotton has received defoliation treatments and more will this coming week. Growers are looking at burndown in the harvested corn fields to prevent pigweed from going to seed.”

— Stephen Winters, Grenada

“Harvest is moving along at a steady pace. Fall field work is way ahead of most years.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“With most corn finished, growers are making good progress with soybeans and beginning the cotton harvest. Scattered showers will keep some out for a day or two this week. Corn yields were disappointing, but most soybeans are above average. Cotton yields may be below expectations, but respectable.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Pastures, hayfields, yards, and fall gardens are in need of rain badly. If it doesn't rain pretty soon, the hay season just might be over. Many cattlemen are preparing their fields for winter forage production, but will have to wait on a rain to plant. Armyworms are on the down cycle and aren't a problem right now, thankfully.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Growers harvested between showers last week. Cotton yields are good. We just need good harvesting weather so we can get the crop out of the field and do some fall tillage work.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Harvest is moving along nicely, although we had some showers last week.”

— Don Respass, Quitman

“Brief showers interrupted harvest for maybe one day in some parts of the county. The heat is back and harvest has resumed. Couple of more weeks and we'll be in the short rows concerning harvest.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Harvest continues to move rapidly forward with interruption last weekend, and again this weekend, from rain showers.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending September 12, 2010

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
<b>Upper Delta</b>									
Clarksdale	94	58	79	77	2	0.72	0.02	2	2.40
Cleveland	97	57	81	78	3	2.87	2.15	3	3.40
Lambert 1W	97	57	82			0.25	-0.52	2	1.18
Tunica 2N	94	60	80	76	4	0.43	-0.20	3	0.88
Extreme/Average	97	57	81	76	5	1.07	0.37	3	1.97
<b>North-Central</b>									
Batesville	95	41	80	75	5	0.50	-0.26	2	1.34
Hickory Flat	94	48	77	74	3	0.23	-0.70	3	1.37
Holly Springs	94	48	78	73	5	0.34	-0.50	4	2.70
Independence	93	48	78	75	3	0.26	-0.57	3	1.55
Oxford	95	54	80	75	5	0.17	-0.67	4	2.48
Extreme/Average	95	41	78	75	3	0.30	-0.54	3	2.03
<b>Northeast</b>									
Booneville	92	52	76	74	2	0.67	-0.21	3	2.48
Corinth 7SW	94	51	77	76	1	0.21	-0.78	1	3.28
Iuka	90	48	76	72	4	0.00	-0.99	0	3.10
Pontotoc Exp	93	57	79	76	3	1.46	0.49	3	2.66
Tupelo 2	92	55	79			0.95	0.00	4	2.94
Verona	94	52	79	76	3	0.45	-0.55	2	2.79
Extreme/Average	94	48	77	75	2	0.62	-0.31	2	2.83
<b>Lower Delta</b>									
Moorhead	97	62	82	78	4	0.45	-0.31	3	0.99
Rolling Fork	98	61	83	77	6	0.49	-0.17	2	3.08
Stoneville Exp	98	58	82	77	5	2.12	1.39	2	2.27
Yazoo City	97	57	83	78	5	1.06	0.43	1	2.89
Extreme/Average	98	57	83	78	5	1.03	0.34	2	2.31
<b>Central</b>									
Canton 4N	99	53	80	77	3	0.00	-0.70	0	0.48
Europa 2E	95	54	80	75	5	0.27	-0.62	2	0.27
Forest 3S	94	54	76	77	-1	0.00	-0.91	0	7.80
Kosciusko	94	54	78	77	1	0.12	-0.72	1	0.53
Winona 5E	95	50	77	73	4	0.44	-0.40	2	2.59
Extreme/Average	99	50	78	76	2	0.17	-0.64	1	2.85
<b>East-Central</b>									
Aberdeen	95	55	78	76	2	0.00	-0.84	0	1.43
Columbus	95	59	80	77	3	0.12	-0.79	1	3.53
Macon	94	52	78	76	2	0.04	-0.87	1	1.39
State University	97	59	81	76	5	2.02	1.18	2	2.98
Extreme/Average	97	52	79	76	3	0.55	-0.29	1	2.33
<b>Southwest</b>									
Brookhaven City	91	56	78	77	1	0.00	-0.92	0	4.04
Crystal Springs	96	60	81	78	3	0.00	-1.05	0	3.79
Natchez	94	57	80	78	2	0.47	-0.44	2	5.40
Port Gibson 1NE	96	58	82	76	6	0.21	-0.56	1	0.75
Vicksburg	96	55	82			0.19	0.00	2	2.07
Extreme/Average	96	55	81	78	3	0.17	-0.74	1	3.75
<b>South-Central</b>									
Collins	95	57	79	77	2	0.00	-0.98	0	5.55
Columbia	96	60	81	78	3	0.04	-0.98	1	4.78
Monticello	99	56	82	78	4	0.00	-0.91	0	4.46
Raleigh 6N	93	54	78			0.00	0.00	0	4.57
Extreme/Average	99	54	80	78	2	0.01	-0.97	0	4.84
<b>Southeast</b>									
Hattiesburg	93	60	80	79	1	0.00	-1.05	0	5.16
Laurel	95	60	80	78	2	0.00	-1.05	0	4.74
Newton Exp	98	50	79	76	3	0.00	-0.84	0	0.99
Waynesboro 2W	99	59	83	77	6	0.00	-1.09	0	5.28
Extreme/Average	99	50	81	78	3	0.00	-0.98	0	4.04
<b>State</b>	99	41	80	77	3	0.37	-0.49	1	3.08

Departure = from Normal.